

Satellite radio provides an invaluable service to those who spend a large portion of their day in a vehicle. From truck drivers to commuters, this service simply cannot be provided by the free on-air providers. Unlike cable television operators, satellite providers have chosen, thus far, to offer a very high quality product for a very low fee. This product offers those of us who spend a great deal of time trapped in an automobile the opportunity to not only keep up on news and traffic, but to listen to a wide variety of music. We are willing to pay for this service and the thought of a restriction on this service based on some skewed version of an anti-compete clause smells of a first amendment infringement. I would rather pay for a service that offers music, news, and traffic/weather information than endure the 15-30 minutes of superficial commercialism and advertising that the on-air stations offer per hour. I am forced to recall countless times there has been a major traffic incident in the city of Detroit where I was deep into the traffic-jam before hearing of it on the local radio stations. Please consider carefully the laws that might restrict such a service, and perhaps you should try the product before judging. If the local on-air stations cannot provide the service, how can you stop those willing and able to provide it from operating?

Thank you,

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